



Getting the point



Erica Ward receives a Hepatitis B vaccination from Anne Brown of Para Med on Sept. 22 in the Sanctuary.
(Photo by Amy Sonnenberg)

College deficit for 1996/97 not as large as projected

By Corey Jubenville

Conestoga's board of governors heard Sept. 22 that the college had run up a deficit for the 1996/97 year.

During the monthly meeting, Kevin Mullan from administrative operations said the college had run at a deficit of \$674,000 for the previous year.

Although this figure seems negative, the projected deficit for the 1996/97 year was set at \$1.7 million.

Conestoga is not the only college which has been running in the red. Eleven other colleges in Ontario have also accumulated a deficit.

Mullan said the deficit is a result of government cutbacks in 1995. A one-time buyout of 105 full-time staff cost the college around \$4.9 million.

Mullan also told the board full-time enrolment for the year was up 5.5 per cent to 4,320 from 4,094. Conestoga president John Tibbits attributed the rise, in part, to students transferring to Conestoga in their second year and a good retention rate. Second year enrolment was up 7.4 per cent to 1,501 from 1,397.

The board also approved an

articulation arrangement with three other universities.

Sharon Kalbfleisch, dean of academic assessment and special projects, said the universities of Guelph, Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier will take part in the Career Development Practitioner Program Articulation.

"Trying to get those four institutions to work together has been something of a tall task," she said. The college has received \$75,000 from the Counselling Foundation of Canada, and expects more money in the future to help pay for the articulation.

The program will allow students to take courses from all four schools simultaneously and receive a college certificate and university degree.

In other news, the board voted to disband the appliance service technician program.

The program had been in operation for 25 years. However, enrolment was declining, and in 1996 the program was suspended. In 1997, the program was revived but received only seven applicants.

The space created by the program's absence at the Guelph campus might be filled by 60 more machinist spots.

Wayne Hussey let go without severance

Community relations director calls dismissal 'serious issue'

By Ross Bragg

Conestoga's executive director of community relations has been terminated with cause and the college is considering legal action, said college president John Tibbits at the board of governors meeting Sept. 22.

"Obviously some of you have heard rumors etcetera in the community, and I just wanted to announce that Wayne Hussey has been terminated with no severance effective Sept. 15, 1997," Tibbits said to members of the board and public.

"The college is considering further legal action and that is all I have been able to say at this section of the meeting, but I would suggest that some of you may be in a bit of shock. We cannot be more open at this point," he said, before asking members of the public to leave the room for what he said would be a 20-minute closed-door discussion of the matter.

"I think you (members of the board) are owed an explanation, but the general public is not."

Hussey has been with the college since January of 1996, at which time he worked as director of development. Most recently he has worked as Conestoga executive director of community relations



Wayne Hussey

which included acting as the college representative for Team Kitchener, an economic development initiative with Kitchener city council. Before coming to Conestoga, Hussey worked as a development officer for the University of Waterloo on its fund-raising efforts between July 1990 and September 1993. He also worked as a director for Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest before coming to the college.

Tibbits said Tuesday that on the day that Hussey's position was terminated, the college suspended a contract with Navion, a Toronto based fund-raising company. He would not say whether the two

incidents were related.

Ebert Hobbs, chairman of Navion, said Tuesday that his company had been working with the college in relation to its current capital campaign. He said the company provided its own representative, Scott Fortnum, to work with Hussey on the contract. "Hussey was not on our payroll. Fortnum was," said Hobbs.

He said he did not know the details about how, or if, Hussey's termination was related to the suspension of Navion's contract with the college, and added that he has yet to receive official word that Hussey had been taken away from his position at the college.

Hobbs said his organization was not prepared as of Tuesday afternoon to discuss what he knew about why the contract was suspended.

Hussey has only made a brief statement about his termination.

"Obviously this is an extremely serious issue to me," said Hussey the day after the president's statement to the board, "and as such, I am pursuing discussions with the college to resolve this matter. I have no interest in reviewing this issue in the media, but if appropriate, will provide public statements at key points in the process."

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Conestoga signs precedent-setting agreement with Waterloo school board

By Rachel Pearce

About 30 people from education and industrial sectors gathered at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Conestoga's Guild room to observe the official signing of a precedent-setting agreement between the college and the Waterloo County Board of Education.

The articulation agreement, under which the two education institutions will allow high school students who study precision machining and tool trades in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program to enter the college with advanced standing.

Mike McClements, dean of the woodworking and technology schools, said he believes the agreement between the school board and the college is the first of its kind in the province.

"It is the first formal agreement between a board of education

and a community college to improve education," he said.

The signatories of the agreement included Conestoga president John Tibbits, board of education director Patti Haskell, and Judith Robertson, vice-president of the workplace support services division of apprenticeship and client services at the Ontario Ministry of Education and Training.

At present, the agreement only allows grade 11 and 12 students to learn skills in high school that will give them the equivalence of basic postsecondary training in four trades: general machinist, mould maker, pattern maker and tool and die maker. Students who gain advanced standing in these areas will then be able to complete their apprenticeship at an earlier age.

Students from Galt collegiate and Bluevale collegiate institutes are now eligible for the new direct-entry program.

The Toronto Star reported in August that the Ontario government, having released its findings in a confidential report on the state of education in the province, is planning to implement a revamped apprenticeship program at the cost of about \$3.5 million.

The report indicated that many Ontario businesses are having trouble finding qualified youth to employ.

Also taken into consideration were impending cuts to the \$70-million apprenticeship program. Ottawa has announced that it will withdraw \$30 million from the program's funding in 1997-1998. The province will cut \$10 million.

McClements, however, said that the agreement signed by the college was not formed because of the Tories' plans. The agreement and the announcement merely happened at about the same time.

United Way campaign ready to go

By Rebecca Eby

Raising \$27,500 in under a month might seem an impossible feat for an individual, but that is the collective target for the Conestoga College United Way campaign.

Eleanor Conlin, co-chair of the Conestoga College United Way Campaign Committee, said this year's goal exceeds last year's achievement by about \$2,500.

"We know that there's a need out there and we're pretty well blessed here at the college," she said.

Proceeds received by the United Way are distributed to various local charitable agencies such as St. John Ambulance, the House of Friendship and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

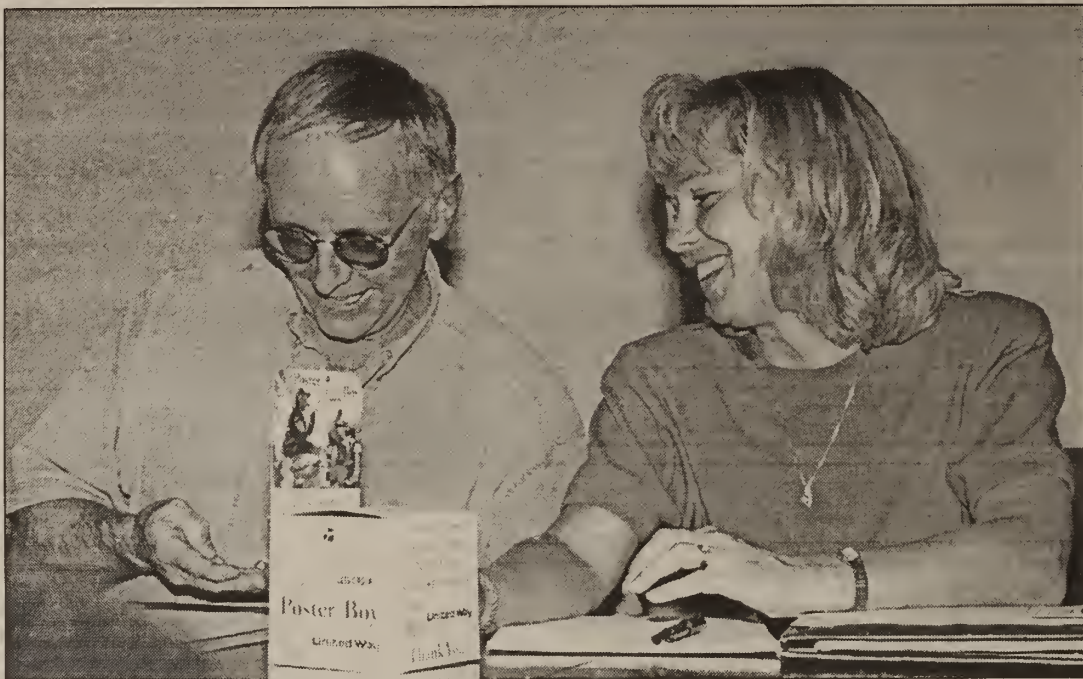
Conlin said about 110 people are involved with the college's United Way campaign behind the scenes.

"It truly is a college-wide activity," she said of the campaign, whose theme this year is "the life you're changing may be your own."

"It just comes together and everybody does their job," said Conlin.

She said preparation for the campaign has encountered few difficulties.

"Our biggest problem was getting water bottles (to use as loose change jars)," she said.



Dick Parker, United Way presentations coordinator (left), and Janeen Hoover, early bird draw coordinator, count change before making a donation during the Conestoga College United Way campaign committee meeting Sept. 16.

(Photo by Rebecca Eby)

Though the campaign officially runs at the college from Oct. 14 to Oct. 24, Conlin said some activities the college is supporting are taking place within the community beforehand.

For example, 16 donation boxes will be set mostly at campus cash registers in support of the Poster Boy campaign.

It features Neil Hedley of the Waterloo radio station KOOL FM living on scaffolding in front of a billboard in downtown Kitchener until he raises \$105,300 for the United Way. Conlin said Hedley begins his adventure Sept. 26 and hopes to be home by Thanksgiving.

The college's campaign kicks off

with the posting of thermometers at Door 2 of the main teaching building and by the registrar's office, said Conlin. Each thermometer will keep a running total of donations.

A group of 27 first-year recreation leadership students, under the direction of campaign committee member and recreation leader-

ship coordinator Greg Burns, is organizing carnival-type games to take place outside the cafeteria over the noon hour.

Burns said the activities being planned include a sponge toss, a mini-put, a basketball shoot, a prize draw, a barbecue and possibly a mock casino.

"Everything that's here can be done indoors if it's too cold outside," he said, adding the exception of a tug of war.

Conlin said she thinks this year's highlight will be a spaghetti luncheon to be held in the Blue Room Oct. 21.

Two hundred tickets will be sold in the cafeteria Oct. 14 to 17 for a lunch of spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, caesar salad and coffee.

The cost will be \$5 in advance, but \$6 on the day of the lunch if there are leftover tickets.

Conlin said Beaver Foods, which is preparing the meal, will donate 100 per cent of the proceeds to the United Way.

"We went to get the coffee extended, and they said 'let's try this (the luncheon),' Conlin said of Beaver Foods.

"Everybody is sort of sharing."

Conlin said other events will include a "toonie toss" on all campuses for campus kits as well as a pledge card "early bird draw" and telephone bingo for employees.

DSA will join college lobbying group

By Erica Ayliffe

The Doon Student Association has made a decision to join the Ontario Community College Student's Parliamentary Association, but the motion still has to be passed by the board of directors.

The DSA hasn't been a member of the lobbying association for two years.

"Last year's council decided not to join because OCCSPA seemed disorganized," said Thomas Muller, the DSA's education and communications coordinator.

"When they came and saw us (last year), we asked questions that they didn't have the answers for," said Steve Harris, the DSA's entertainment manager.

OCCSPA was established in 1975 and is Canada's oldest lobbying association for colleges.

The group's purpose is to represent students on matters of common concern to post-secondary education.

According to its 1996/1997 annual report, it is a student voice to government on issues directly related to students, which focuses on representing students in an attempt to make their education better.

According to a Spoke article published Sept. 8 1997, OCCSPA's membership has dropped in half in the past two years. The article also quoted Brian Edwards, an OCCSPA staff member, as saying members who left may not have thought OCCSPA was doing enough for them.

One reason the DSA didn't join last year, said Muller, is because it didn't feel there were any issues that needed representation from an outside organization.

"Technically, you're paying for an organization to represent you, when there's nothing to represent."

The cost of joining OCCSPA is 63 cents per student. For the DSA to join, it would cost around \$2,800.

Muller said, the DSA is considering joining this year because the lobbying group seems more organized and more motivated.

OCCSPA was reorganized this past year, with new people taking over new positions, said Harris.

"They are more aggressive and are finding out the answers before anybody else," Muller said.

"Being a part of this organization gives us answers and someone to go to if we have questions on issues affecting students. If there is a strike or tuition hike, we can find out the details from OCCSPA instead of doing the digging ourselves."

Another benefit, said Muller, is strength in numbers. "The more colleges you have together in one organization, the stronger it is to say to the government, 'Hey, this is the problem, let's solve it.'"

Harris said he feels one of the benefits of joining is the number of contacts the group has.

"OCCSPA has a direct contact to the provincial and federal governments. It has a lot of connections."

According to OCCSPA's annual report, the group has built alliances with the Ministry of Education and Training, the Ontario Council of Regents, the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Training, the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance and the Ontario Public Services Employees Union.

One of OCCSPA's concerns for this year, according to its annual report, is tuition increases amounting to 21 per cent over the past two years.

Guelph campus program changed

By Andrea Bailey

The format of a one-year-old program at the Guelph campus has been revised already, said Hans Zawada, chairman of technology, trades and apprenticeship.

The renovations program, which began in September 1996, has been changed from a two-year, four-semester program to a 48-week program, said Zawada. He said, the course will remain a diploma program.

"The content of the course will be the same, only the length of the classes will increase from 25 hours of class a week to 31 hours a week," said Zawada. "And obviously, as a 48-week course, there won't be a summer break anymore."

Zawada said the college will promote the program change mainly at the secondary-school level.

Since it is a new program, he said, there is a small risk to such a change.

But the numbers of enrolment are not as high as they should be, so the college had to do something to attract people.

"People have to realize that there is a great need for a program like this," he said.

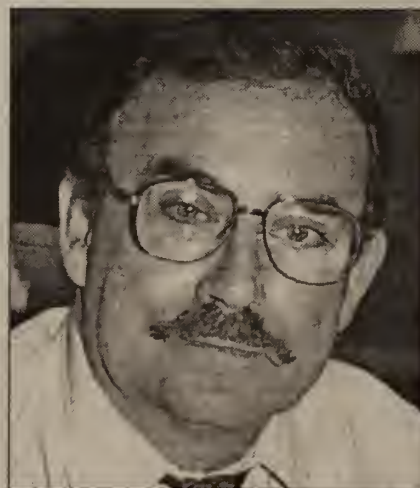
There is a lot of money being spent in Canada on renovations right now, and the fact that the unemployment rate in this area is high should push people in the direction where there is work."

He said the concept for the renovations program was born about three and a half

years ago when the college was approached by a number of contractors who were looking for trained individuals to do some work for their companies.

The program, said Zawada, teaches students major and minor changes in structure renovation.

"We can build bedrooms, bathrooms, garages, rooflines, whatever is wanted basically."



Hans Zawada of technology, trades and apprenticeship.

(Photo by Andrea Bailey)

He said the basic skills are taught through classroom format during the first half of the course.

The second half of the course, he said, is spent doing structural renovations.

Zawada said the completion of a structure which is being built for the purpose of class renovation projects has not yet been completed, as he had hoped it would be by the end of the month.

He said it will still take about a few weeks before the building, which is located in near the Guelph campus, will be ready for student projects.

Zawada said the new structure is the furthest thing scheduled for the program.

He said he would like to do some work with Habitat for Humanity in the future, but nothing is certain at this point.

We have to meet requirements of the curriculum, and we have to know how offers from organizations will affect this, he said.

LASA instructor returns

By Ross Bragg

When Don Douglas speaks to his first and second-year law and security students, he says he tries to encourage them to expand their horizons beyond policing in Ontario to policing across the world.

"It was a challenge, but it was a rewarding challenge," said Douglas, who has just returned to Conestoga after spending two years training new recruits at a police academy in Haiti.

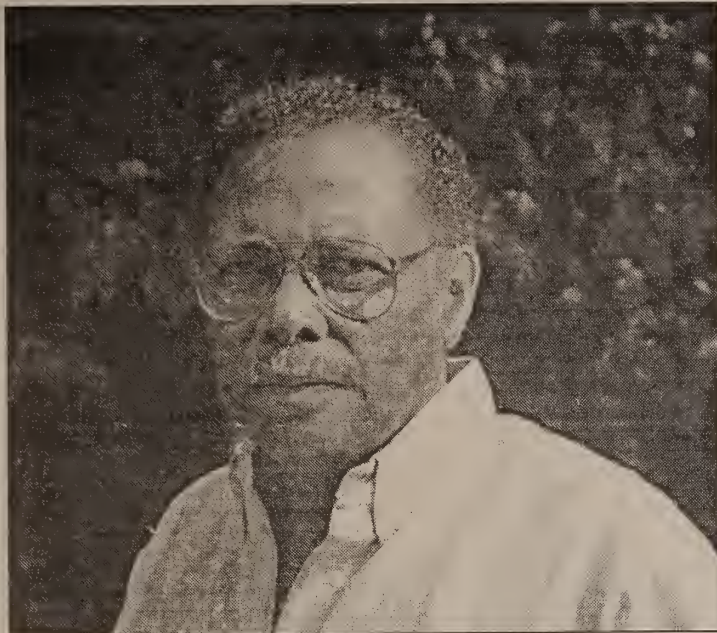
Douglas was part of the international criminal investigative training assistance program (ICITAP), sponsored by the American government. The program aims to reform and rebuild Haiti's legal system after decades of military dictatorship in the country.

The program has performed similar functions in other countries, including Panama. Douglas said that because most policing in Haiti was done by the military, he and other law enforcement specialists had to essentially create the training program from scratch.

"The idea was to have a completely new police force and get rid of all the individuals that would have associations with previous governments, particularly those that would have civil rights violations."

Haiti, which shares an island in the Caribbean with the Dominican Republic, was invaded by the United States in 1994 in an effort by the American government to reinstate then-exiled president Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

He said people in Haiti are still getting used to the idea of a non-



Don Douglas of Conestoga's law and security administration program returned from training police recruits in Haiti.

(Photo by Ross Bragg)

military police force.

"People are still trying to change their attitudes about police. They are coming from the view that police are there to control you as opposed to what we are trying to say — we are there to serve you."

Douglas said people working on the project had to keep their own attitudes about justice in check when working with Haitians.

"The problem with our curriculum was that it was written with a western bias. What we had to make sure of that our instructors were able to apply the knowledge as it was in the reality of the Haitian context."

"The Haitian police force is starting with very little so we can't just start talking about radars and

forensic science labs."

Other people involved in the Haiti project, he said, were exposed to some of the violence that remains in certain parts of the country. He said people in the major cities and in the academy were less exposed to it.

Douglas said the academy became a place of learning for the North American visitors as well as the Haitian recruits.

"Just being able to work with so many law enforcement people from so many other countries gave me the opportunity to see criminal justice as others would apply it."

"I can come back now and give comparative studies to my students and broaden their view of justice around the world."

Waterloo campus

Health operations program offered

By Andrea Bailey

A new one-year program was introduced this September to the Waterloo campus that is intended to give people a knowledge of how to successfully run a health office, said Edith Torbay, Conestoga's chair of business.

The health office operations program is offered through the college's continuing education guide. Torbay said, at this time, the course has an enrolment of 30 full-time students.

She said the list of subjects focused on include accounting, computers, communications, record-keeping, health terminology, healthcare delivery and other topics in the business field.

"It's an art all its own," said Torbay. "Sensitive ethics issues are also taught because there is definitely a high standard of confidentiality in health care."

Torbay said the program was developed because of an outcry from the public for Conestoga to have a course of this kind.

"All we offered was a dental administration program that was a co-op with Niagara College," she said.

"We felt we could do better by our students to cover more than just the dental field."

"There is a broader market at Conestoga, so we asked ourselves why don't we just have our own that meets all the needs of our community. It's not a

totally unique program, but it's our's none the less."

Torbay said she expects the dental office administration program to phase out over the next year because the new program is more convenient for the students.

"Now that we have our own program, there is really no sense in a student spending half the time at one college and the other half at another," she said.

Torbay said another reason for the new program is the demand for trained individuals in medical offices.

"With the changes to the healthcare system in Ontario, the province is pushing more clerical work to a clerical staff," she said. "With the downsizing in hospitals, nurses who did a lot of the clerical duties in the past are now needed fully in nursing. They cannot take care of all the work anymore, so trained individuals are needed. Doctors want qualified people to run their offices."

Torbay said the instructors for the courses in health office operations come from many departments at the Doon campus.

"There are teachers from health sciences and business, among others, who teach many subjects," said Torbay.

Torbay said, because of the overcrowding at the Doon campus, Waterloo was the logical location for the new program.



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On Sept. 15, with the official opening of the open access computer lab, Conestoga College entered the world of cyberspace and high-technology.

This lab, which was designed to provide students with access to the Internet and e-mail, and the general upgrade of campus computers was supposed to be the pinnacle of Conestoga's commitment in providing students with top-of-the-line technology.

But how successful was this venture?

Since the project began, problems with the college's computers appear to be becoming more widespread. Computers are freezing up, labs are crashing and printers are failing to print.

The results of these problems go beyond mere inconveniences. Students and faculty are being forced to delay, reschedule or even cancel classes. As every day of the computer crisis passes, the clients of the school, otherwise known as students, are not receiving the education they thought they were paying for. The college appears to be failing the needs of its clientele.

Both students and faculty need a reliable computer system which will work with them, not against them.

We cannot, however, jump on the college's computer technicians for answers or blame. Due to the limited number of personnel, they cannot be expected to keep on top of all the problems.

The question still remains though; why is the college apparently plagued with inefficient computers?

Was the upgrade more difficult than anticipated? Did the college not hire enough personnel? Should more time have been allotted to the project? Is the college's network too old to handle the new computers? Was an error made with the assignment of login numbers?

Without official answers, the questions will not be resolved with fact. It will be left in the hands of those affected, using only the threads of truth within hearsay and rumors, to speculate about the problems and their origins.

In the age of technology, time and resources must be allocated for every potential problem which could arise. Trying to reconfigure a computer system as vast as the college's is not a minor task. However, it does seem like it was treated as one.

Failing to answer the questions of faculty and students, only aggravates the problem further. If an unrealistic goal was set, then the people in charge should atone for their mistakes.

Stretch your wings

By Hunter Malcolm

By now, the fifth week of school, we should all be familiar with the surroundings of the college and, even if we don't know what the teachers are talking about in class, at least we should know how to get there.

The post-secondary educational experience will mean different things to each person who goes through it. But ultimately, it will mean the most to those who actually complete it.

The college years are much more than just time spent learning the practical skills for gainful employment. They are about appreciating one's own potential and at the same time understanding one's limits.

Whether you enrolled because you wanted to, or your parents wanted you to, or even as a condition of your parole, you will be tested in many ways outside of the program curriculum.

The true value of post-secondary education comes as you realize what you are capable of under various circumstances and pressures.

A healthy and fulfilling college life, as in perhaps all areas of life, involves the balancing of that which is academic with what is social.

It will be this balance, or lack thereof which will determine who succeeds at college and who does not.

Depending on the approach one takes

towards their education — whether you prefer to spend your evenings hitting the books or hitting the bottle — those who can handle the many stresses will be the ones who graduate in the end.

It, of course, takes a certain amount of discipline to stay in and study. It also takes a certain discipline to be able to go out and drink with wild abandon for a night, albeit strictly for the sake of the fullest possible college experience, and still meet the academic bottom line.

Just about anyone, all things being equal, can follow a healthy routine of moderation and balanced living, and manage to make the grade.

However, not everyone can manage to accomplish their academic requirements while exploring the various facets of extracurricular nightlife.

The arguments that living hard while at college short changes one's education is generally well-grounded, but only half right. It all depends on where you place the value of your education.

Of course, there is no value in failing anything, in school or life, but nonetheless, take your college years for what they are. You'll not likely ever get the chance to live like this again.

What won't kill you, will only make you stronger.

Being able to live hard and hold your own in class can provide an education based on



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books and the "streets". An imbalance on either end of the spectrum may burn you out just the same.

Indeed, the delicate balance of extremes will break some, but those who are able to see it through will be rewarded.

As a function of their jobs, your instructors will test you throughout college; but more fundamentally, you will be testing yourselves, stretching your wings, soaring to new heights and plummeting to new depths.

As my Grade 12 summer school math teacher said to me many years ago, as he marked my final exam, "Consider it a gift. Good luck to you, boy."

Controversy adds fuel to Howard Stern's fire

Richard Berta

Howard Stern describes himself as "disgusting" and in doing so, he shares the sentiments of many people.

Yet many others are fascinated with him and insist on listening to his wildly provocative morning talk show.

"I refuse to pay a cover charge to masturbate," Stern recently quipped, criticizing the quality of pornography on the Internet.

"It costs a fortune to subscribe to one of these [porn] sites. I mean, you find a porn site on the Internet, and it takes 20 minutes to download a 10-second flick which you might as well see on video. It's frustrating."

Such are the words of wisdom that emanate from the mouth of the sage Stern. And this is about as enlightened as he gets.

Ever since this progeny of the gutters erupted onto Toronto's Q107 earlier this month, Stern has become the focal point of controversy.

Of course, controversy isn't a bad thing if you're Stern.

Controversy draws attention and attention translates into higher ratings for his morning show.

In fact, the only reason why Q107 hired

Stern was in order to take the radio station out of the doldrums.

Stern compared himself to a nuclear bomb which desperate radio stations drop on unsuspecting listeners in order to reverse declining ratings.

So it shouldn't be surprising when Stern mouths off politically incorrect, sado-masochistic and anti-feminist views which endear him to some people and make him a centre of loathing for others.

True to his nature, Stern continues to attract controversy and can't get enough of it.

Most recently, he scripted an irreverent musical about Diana's death entitled *My Dead Lady* (a Sternian spinoff of *My Fair Lady*).

Stern's ability to make light of what the world viewed as a tragedy is explained away by his statement, "There's no such thing as tragedy . . . it's all a matter of perspective."

Stern adopts a new and unique angle on things — preferably one that infuriates as many people as possible and draws attention to himself.

Whether the views he holds are genuine or not is beside the point. His purpose is to enrage not to persuade.

And of course, Stern enjoys making the occasional jab at the sensitivities of his Canadian listeners, such as when he requested New York Senator Alfonse d'Amato to bomb Montreal after Quebec's government launched a suit to ban him from the air.

In light of this, it was a small surprise that every Conestoga student that was interviewed maintained that they despised Stern.

"Why would anyone listen to him?" said Amanda Briar.

"The fact that he has an audience at all, proves that there are neanderthals in our midst."

"He's a racist, sexist, ignorant pig," Ian Mackie said.

"His jokes aren't even funny," said Tim Smaglinski. "If there wasn't all this controversy around the guy, he'd fizzle out and die."

It also should not come as a surprise that no one in their right mind cared to admit that they listened to Stern.

Stern's capacity to provoke and infuriate naive listeners is what keeps him going. It's easy to envision interest in him dying off as soon as the novelty of his show or the media attention wears thin.

Whichever comes first.



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Most students like Internet service

By Andrea Bailey

Despite some initial problems at the beginning of September with the new student Internet accounts, many students are happy with the new service.

This is the first year students have been offered personal Internet service. The cost was included as part of a technology enhancement fee in their tuition packages.

About a month ago, there were many complaints from students that the access was too slow, or it was impossible at times to log-in to the terminals.

Now, nearly a month later, many students said the bugs are almost out of the system.

"I've watched my friends go on-line here," said Corinne Rosehart, a first-year general business student. "We went into a shopping option and we checked out the music scene and different TV shows. I was happy with the amount of detail it had, and everything worked okay the whole time."

Adam Woodhouse, a first-year robotics student, said his on-line experience at the college was efficient and easy. "It's nice to have, but I only use it for leisure time. With my program, I don't have a lot of time to myself, so I don't have much of a need for it. But from what I've seen, the access is extremely fast."

Johnny Staub and Laura Kerr, first-year broadcasting students, agreed they couldn't be happier with the access, though they had some problems a couple of weeks ago.

"You couldn't send or receive e-mail at the beginning," said Staub. "The computer would erase page messages that you spent a lot of

time on. But that has been improved.

"They run very quickly. They are definitely up-to-date Pentiums."

"I wouldn't be able to survive without communicating with my friends back home," said Kerr. "The access here is awesome."

The problems Staub mentioned affected more students as well.

Andrew Caird, a second-year business accounting student, said the e-mail was difficult to work in the beginning. But, he said, the Internet service is fast once you know your way around.

Paulo Pereira of EET Computer Systems in engineering technology said the initial problems should be attributed to the lack of instruction provided by the college.

"All the school did was give students one sheet of paper with a log-in number on it," said Pereira. "They should have been given a whole booklet of instruction. Plus, the school assumed that everyone knew how to work Windows '95, where a lot of students only know the 3.1 version."

Hulya Erol, a second-year marketing student, said though she has had no significant problems with her access account, she wishes there were more people around to help in the beginning.

"I didn't know how to log-on at first and there was never anyone around to help me. There seems to be more people around now, but it was kind of hard in the beginning."

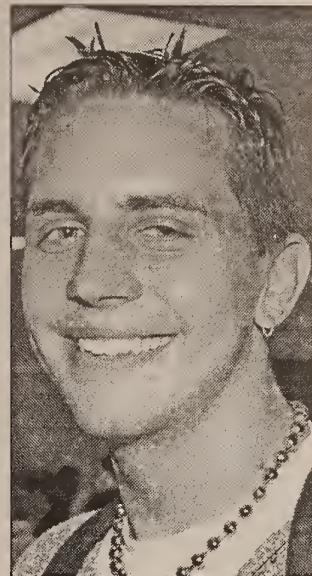
But most of the student comments, now after almost a month into school, have been positive.

"It gives students who don't have access at home a choice," said third-year accounting student Angela Lach.

"I think it's definitely worth the tuition money."



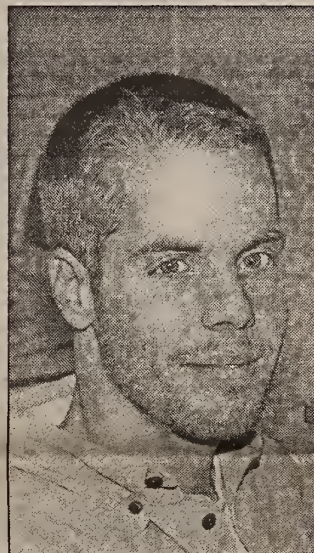
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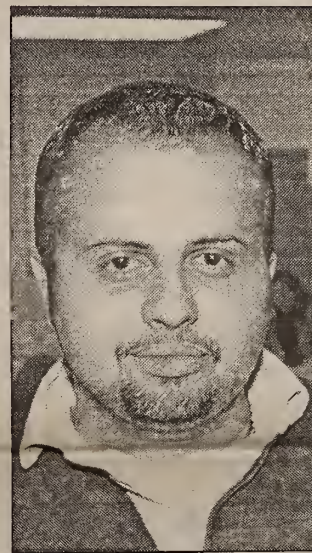
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Laura Kerr,
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Andrew Caird,
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Paulo Pereira,
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Angela Lach,
third-year accounting
student

Working the cider press



Kim Hoglund (left) and Elizabeth Weber show Christopher Richmond how a cider press works at the annual apple schnitzins festival at Joseph Schneider Haus Sept. 21.

(Photo by Corey Jubenville)

If wishes were changes...

By L.A. Livingston

I had an all-consuming love for horses when I was a little girl. I used to lay in bed at night and pray, "Dear God, please send me a pony." I thought I had about as much chance of getting a pony from my parents — despite my begging and pleading — as I did of marrying Tony Orlando (I had a desperate crush on him as a five-year-old).

My ninth birthday came. A birthday isn't a big deal in a family of eight children.

We got to choose our favorite meal, open a few cards and blow out candles on a cake. Presents, if there were any, were limited to practical things like geometry sets and writing paper.

After we finished supper on this particular birthday, and I had opened my cards and blown out the candles, I waited. Surely, for my ninth birthday, there must be something more. Mom said, "We got you a present, but it's not here. It's something you've always wanted."

I guessed out loud what it could be — a Barbie doll (I'd always wanted one, because all my friends had one, and I only played with toy trucks and cars,

more dinky toys, maybe a pet rock.

I hardly dared to hope, but it was . . . my wish was coming true. There really was a God, and He heard me, and I was getting a pony.

It turned out the pony was older than I was. She was a Welsh-Connemara cross.

Her name was Brylcreem when we bought her. If I'd had any imagination at all, I would have left her name alone, but, not knowing what Brylcreem was and having patted her once or twice, I changed her name to Dusty.

She turned out to be a tempermental, arthritic pony who moved twice as fast when coming back to the barn.

The only time Dusty would go faster than a trot was when my best friend Jenny came over with her Shetland pony, or when she thought she was headed for home.

Dusty put up with a lot from my younger sister Lois and I. One day, when our parents had gone to the market, we got into some mischief, as nine and 12-year-olds sometimes do. We found an old push lawnmower in the gravel pit/junk heap behind the barn. With baler twine and a lot of

effort, we made a makeshift harness and hooked Dusty up to it.

We were taken with our inventiveness, and decided to take a spin back the sideroad. We rode the lawnmower and steered Dusty — who had never been trained as a harness pony — with our baler twine reins. She was not happy with the arrangements.

As we tried to coax and coerce her into moving further than two steps at a time, the traffic on the road suddenly became quite frequent.

Drivers honked as they passed, laughing hysterically at the spectacle of two kids, a trussed-up pony and a lawnmower. At least three people stopped to offer to buy Dusty.

I don't know if they thought she must be an extraordinary horse to put up with such humiliation, or if they just felt sorry for her. Anyways, she wasn't for sale.

Dusty died at the ripe old age of 19, when I was 16 years old.

If wishes were changes, I'd go back to those times when every summer morning after breakfast was spent riding and the sun always seemed to shine.

Life then was no more difficult than simple prayers, ponies and riding machines.

STUDENT LIFE

Canada goose droppings unsightly

Geese make a mess at Conestoga

By Amy Sonnenberg

It's a beautiful, warm afternoon at Conestoga College. You and your friends decide to spend your lunch hour outside by the pond to take advantage of the weather. As you venture out the cafeteria doors

"It's probably a lot cheaper to rent a rubber alligator for a month or two."

*Dave Putt,
director of physical resources*

with your books in one hand and your overflowing tray in the other, your steps suddenly no longer feel fancy-free. You feel uneasy as you check the bottom of your shoe, only to realize your fear has been confirmed. You have stepped in goose droppings.

Dave Putt, director of physical resources, said he has had enough of the 120-plus Canada geese that have raided Conestoga College and messed up the lawn.

"We will devise ways to persuade them to find another pond. How we do that I'm not sure yet."

He has heard of several methods, from training a dog to chase the geese away to throwing a rubber



A few of the over 120 geese who make Conestoga their home lounge near the pond outside the cafeteria. Geese droppings are making an unsightly mess of the lawn, but there are no concerns about health or safety so far.

(Photo by Amy Sonnenberg)

alligator into the pond.

"There are all kinds of stories on how you can get rid of geese effectively," Putt said. "We may end up calling the University of Guelph for advice."

The problem Putt has with the geese is the mess they leave on the lawn outside the cafeteria, which

is a good area for school activities.

"It really does the grass good because it's fertilizer," he said, "but if we want to use that area for recreational purposes we have to really think about how to persuade them to go somewhere else."

However, the problem is not so serious that drastic measures must

be taken, he said.

"Until we get some serious input that it's health and safety, someone's attacked, or someone was last seen heading off into the distance at 50 miles per hour with six geese after him, we'll leave them alone. But they are becoming a pain from the mess point of view."

Persuading the geese to leave is economically Putt's only solution. "The only way you can clean it up is to get a special close-tined attachment to a tractor — probably a few thousand dollars," he said. "It's probably a lot cheaper to rent a rubber alligator for a month or two."

Putt said he believed the geese had decided to leave Conestoga for good this past summer.

"Their pattern changed this summer. This would have been the third year that we've had 100-plus geese here. But early in July they just disappeared. There wasn't a goose anywhere on campus."

The geese returned to Conestoga, though, within six weeks. It's still a mystery as to where they went during that time, he said.

There have only been 100-plus geese at Conestoga for about three years.

Three years before that the pond only saw about six geese. "The pond has been here for 35 years," Putt said. "Why the geese have only been here five or six, I don't know."

Putt's not totally against geese, it's simply the uncontrollable numbers. "Five or six geese would be cute to look at on the pond," he said.

That was the situation about six years ago. "They were a novelty as far as we were concerned, so they were fine."

Fans scarce at Roost

By Natalie Schneider

The Jacksonville Jaguars and the Pittsburgh Steelers battled it out for the win at the Jacksonville Municipal Stadium in another Monday Night Football game at the Roost.

A small crowd gathered to watch the event and to root for their favorite team. The confident ones placed their bets in the football pool for \$5 a block.

Sabrina Pierson, a first-year broadcasting student, said she likes coming to the Roost and makes it a point to be there every Monday for the game.

"I think the Roost should adver-

tise more. A lot of first-years don't even know where the Roost is," said Pierson. "They need to organize more events, spice it up a little bit."

Football is great but nobody is ever at the Roost to watch it, said Conal Vaughan, a management studies student.

"The idea is great but they need to advertise more," said Vaughan.

"The Roost is a good place to go to but they need to attract more people. Most of the time it's just me and two other guys at Monday Night Football."

Jacksonville landed the first touchdown and beat Pittsburgh 30-21.

By Rita Fatila

Just five minutes sitting in on Stereo Latino on CKWR will convince you radio is much harder than it seems.

Co-hosts Rodrigo Martinez and Geraldo Guerra keep up a rapid dialogue of jokes and observations in between songs that looks easy until you try it. It seems odd then that Martinez is only a first-year broadcasting student at Conestoga.

"I never took any classes until now in college," Martinez said. "I just did it the way I thought best."

Martinez has hosted several shows on CKWR, Waterloo's multicultural community radio

station, including one that triggered angry calls.

"I'd pick serious topics like there are some STDs out there and here is what you can do to prevent them. I got a call from a mom," he said, "You're telling my daughter to have sex! Sometimes it was very touchy but I was just telling how things are."

He said the more upbeat Stereo Latino, started in December 1995, is a change from that.

"It's Sunday night. People are tired and want to relax, not think, 'Oh here we go again, another moron telling me what to do.' This is a happy show."

Guerra describes what he and Martinez do as "trying to give out energy."

Besides playing Spanish pop, like the Barrio Boys and Ricky Martin, the show also features requests, newspaper clippings and contests.

"People love to win prizes," said Martinez. "We put them on the air and make them sing or ask them questions like 'What color was Napoleon's white horse?' That breaks the third-caller-wins thing."

But Martinez said people listen to the shows for more than the contests and music.

"Our biggest accomplishment is that people actually listen to what we're saying. We're not just the boring part between songs."

Some listeners, Martinez said, tape the late-night show to play for

College student learns by doing



Rodrigo Martinez co-hosts Stereo Latino on CKWR Sunday nights.

(Photo by Rita Fatila)

friends the next day, and some frequent callers have earned their own nicknames.

Guerra and Martinez credit their culture more than any specific disk jockey as influences.

"We as Spanish people joke around more," Martinez said. "When I went back to Chile I used to listen to the shows to see how far off we are. They did it the way we did it."

The two also credit each other. "In the show basically we become one," said Martinez. "That sounds pretty sexy, huh Geraldo?"

"We never have a dull moment. We just go out there and have fun."

Stereo Latino can be heard on CKWR 98.5 FM every Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Broadcasting grad gives presentation

By Matt Harris

Chris Adams, a graduate of the television broadcasting program, was the featured speaker on Sept. 19 for the program's current students.

The focus of the presentation was on producing mobile remote telecasts. Adams recalled his most memorable experience, telling the students about the 1993 Canada Day celebration in Ottawa.

Adams was joined by Scott Bryce, a video operator whom Adams works with.

"In the case of the Canada Day show in Ottawa, it takes about a year to get things planned out," Adams said. "In 1993, a storm came just days before the telecast and damaged the stage. The engineers had to rebuild the stage and then we had to replace all the lighting and sound equipment."

Adams, now the supervisor of

studio operations for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, worked there part-time before graduating in 1983. His first full-time editing job came in Regina, and then he followed that up by signing on to work in Toronto for a new CBC show, *Midday*, in 1985. In 1989, Adams became a technical producer, looking after obtaining resources for shows.

He went on to describe other events, touching on hockey games, the Juno Awards and various parades. The advice Adams and Bryce gave the students will be put to good use; they will be producing a remote telecast from the Oktoberfest parade this year.

Bryce, a graduate of York University's film and television program and currently in his 21st year at CBC, explained some changes in CBC's operations, mainly the modernizing of the equipment. He said at one time,



Scott Bryce (left) and Conestoga grad Chris Adams, who work at the CBC, spoke to television broadcasting students Sept. 19.

(Photo by Matt Harris)

there were several individual camera operators. Now, with robotic cameras, one man controls as many as four at once.

"It's hard to find freelancers that have adequate knowledge of how to properly operate our video equipment," Adams said. "There are opportunities available, but most of the job postings are internal."

Although he admits his job would be next to impossible without the aid of computers, Adams said the best part is meeting new people.

"I get to meet people from across the country," he said. "I've met people from our French language affiliate as well as others from the west."

Adams and Bryce also went over some of the more technical aspects involved in remote telecasts, citing examples from CBC's recent coverage of Princess Diana's funeral.

Barbecue gives technology staff time to relax



Jim Palmer, an automotive instructor, cooks up burgers at a barbecue for staff at the Guelph campus Sept. 18., as welding instructor Doug Collison assists.

(Photo by Jamie Yates)

By Jamie Yates

About 25 to 30 school of technology and trades and apprenticeship faculty members participated in a Welcome Back barbecue at Conestoga's Guelph campus Sept. 18.

The barbecue is an annual event and is put on to welcome back the technology faculty for another school year.

The event gives teachers the opportunity to socialize with each other, said Mike McClements, dean of technology.

"It's a great way for people who work together to meet socially," he said.

"At school, everyone is too busy so they hardly have time to even say 'hi' in the halls."

McClements, who attended the barbecue, addressed faculty about any upcoming changes in the trades and apprenticeship and technology programs.

"It's time for staff to take a breath and relax."

Mike McClements,
dean of technology

"It's a good time for the barbecue," said McClements. "The organizing of the programs is complete, so it's time for staff to take a breath and relax."

Hans Zawada, chair of technology, said the event was organized by the technology faculty and

staff. He said the barbecue was funded by the cash bar.

"Everyone pays for the liquor," he said. "and then the money from the cash bar pays for the food."

A smorgasbord was served to faculty at the event including burgers, sausages, salads, beer, wine and non-alcoholic refreshments.

The barbecue was held outside in the courtyard of the campus. The burgers and sausages were cooked on a permanent stone barbecue in the yard. Zawada said the courtyard of wooden chairs and tables was built by students at the campus.

The barbecue was held for Guelph faculty, said Zawada.

"The majority of trades and apprenticeship staff are at Guelph," he said.

DSA website keeps students informed

By Amy Sonnenberg

The Internet has become a valuable tool used to keep in touch with the world around us. But why not use the Internet to check out what's going on right here at Conestoga College?

The Doon Student Association (DSA) website supplies Conestoga with lots of DSA information at www.doonsa.com.

The DSA homepage displays its logo along with its mission statement and big events, such as the Week of Welcome. The number of visitors (2,750 as of Sept. 22) and links to get through the rest of the site are at the bottom of the page. For your convenience, the site's links are listed at the bottom of every page.

The first link, DSA structure, will tell you there's an error; this is because the page is not yet completed, said Becky Boertien, DSA director of student life. Boertien is also in charge of updating the website.

The next link allows you to meet the DSA executive. Each member has a picture, a brief biography and a job description of his or her position. From here you can contact an individual DSA member via e-mail.

The DSA services link takes you to a list of services and details for most of them. Some of the services covered are bursaries and scholarships, the health plan and the volunteer fair.

The events and entertainment link tells you anything and everything that is going on during the current month and the following month. Click on any of the events to find out the date, time, place and other details of the event.

The education link will also tell you there's an error. Boertien said this page is for anything to do with education, from alternative learning to news from the Ministry of Education. "But nothing has been going on," she said. The page will be updated with current education news.

The feedback link provides you with e-mail addresses within the DSA — office address, individual addresses, etc. There is also a list of other organizations within the school and their phone numbers.

The final link, which is called "links", isn't completed either. One day, you will be able to hook up with the college's website and others.

Boertien said she is trying to update the DSA site weekly.

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Psychic in demand at Conestoga

By Victoria Long

At 11 a.m., Sept. 8, psychic reader Dan Valkos bantered with nearby students between the private readings he gave 142 students in Conestoga's Sanctuary.

Valkos said he is a clairvoyant, one who receives impressions through an innate and cultivated gift of, literally, "clear sight". Throughout the session, Valkos held a large, naturally-faceted clear-quartz crystal in one hand.

In addition to private readings, Valkos presents one-day workshops at 16 Ontario community college campuses. The next continuing education workshops at Doon will be psychic development on Oct. 4 and reincarnation in November.

After their three-question private session, most students appeared more animated than before the reading. The emotions registered in faces descending from the platform varied from bemused to uplifted; many appeared to have been deeply touched.



Psychic Dan Valkos (right) attempts to make second-year accounting student Julie Janecki relax before reading her fortune. Valkos headlined a free nooner in the Sanctuary Sept. 8.

(Photo by Andrea Bailey)

Jennifer Anderson, a second-year recreation and leadership student from Cambridge said, "He knew some stuff no one else knows about me. He was right on the money on the questions I asked

him. He's pretty good."

Valkos said the most popular questions were those dealing with love life, finances and career concerns. He has no set formula for communicating bad news. When

he gets a sense of serious disease or looming disaster, Valkos said he tries to get a read on the person's receptivity before saying anything. He said he always psychically sends white light with love, for

spiritual healing, to the client when this situation arises, whether or not he decides to reveal his premonition.

Valkos started a half hour earlier than scheduled but a lineup formed as soon as he was announced. A dozen or so women stepped forward but it took a while before men started joining in. Soon after the first one did, others came along, but the proportion never went over one in three during the two-hour session.

Werner Martinez, a first-year accounting student, said before his reading his aim was to prove Valkos was a fake or be proved wrong himself.

Afterwards, Martinez said, "He told me everything I wanted to hear so he boosted my confidence, but I still don't believe in it. It's just psychology."

The lineup never seemed to get shorter. After two hours Valkos said he was mentally and psychically exhausted and set a cutoff point. Twice he was persuaded to include just a few more.

Happy Birthday, BRAT



Melissa Learn and Jason Kempthorne, third-year broadcasting students, celebrate the launch of the BRAT, Conestoga's new FM station, on Sept. 19.

(Photo by Sarah Smith)

Photo flogging barely profitable

By Greg Bisch

Jeff Blake said the \$70 a day it took to have his Rock Classics photography booth in the Sanctuary Sept. 9-10 was worth it — barely.

"This campus, in comparison to others, is relatively small and I don't get really busy," said Blake. "Most people just look, then walk away."

Rock Classics is a booth which sells photos of rock celebrities and bands. Blake said he came to Doon at the beginning of the school year because students still have some of their money left.

"However, with the number of dollars it takes these kids to go to college, I've got many of them saying they are already out of money. I say to them, 'How are you going to survive if you are out of money in September?'"

Blake, even though he has been in the business 10 years, still finds it strange that the pictures that do sell tend to be much older than his customers.

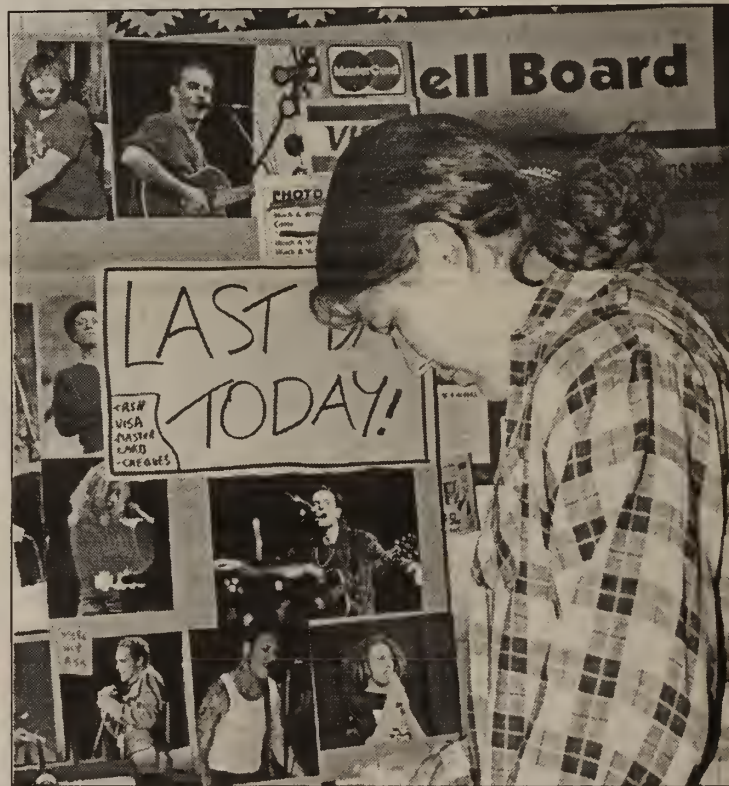
"It's like the '70s and '80s never happened," he said. "People still go for the '60s material. It is the most popular."

A large number of '90s pictures are sold as well, he said. However, the only band of this decade that can compare to the popularity of Led Zepplin, Jim Morrison and the Beatles is Nirvana.

"Nirvana is going to be the band that is remembered from the '90s," said Blake. "They have developed a cult-like following that, I think, will come to represent their generation."

With the '60s being so prominent in his business, Blake said he has found himself living in a buy, sell and trade world of photography.

"People know people, know people, know people. That is how I survive in this business," he said. Only 10 per cent of Blake's working hours are actually spent with his booth open. He said most of his time is spent either on the Internet or on the phone looking for photographs. He also hires



Rebecca Bressette, first-year social services student, browses through photos at the photo sale in the Sanctuary Sept. 9.

(Photo by Rebecca Eby)

people to help him with his search.

With all of the work involved in the profession, Blake said that he is tired after 10 years in a business which, on a further downside, is not extremely profitable.

"The other night, for example, I spent an hour and 45 minutes in the middle of the night listening to this guy blab about some silly pictures he had. I had to put up with it."

As it turns out, the reason Blake tolerated the "blab" was because that individual also owned the rights to a classic Jim Morrison photograph. To buy the rights to the photo would cost Blake \$1,200.

"To have a Doors picture like that would be gold," he said. "I wouldn't even put it on display. I would put up a sign just stating that I had it and that only serious buyers could view it."

Blake said there are still more

difficulties with his profession. He complained that often his customers are impatient and want service immediately. When he has a line-up, it is impossible to serve everyone at once, therefore, many possible buyers walk away, he said. Blake said this is why it is regrettable that many non-serious customers take interest in his booth.

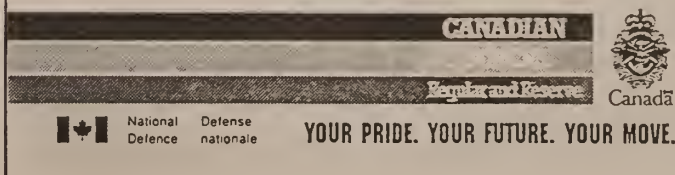
As well, many who view his booth have trouble believing that some of the photos are authentic, he said. "Some people think I have simply taken a picture of a photo in a magazine or a newspaper. I don't operate that way, it's unprofessional."

As a result of this concern, Blake carries information sheets with documentation for some of his more notable photographs. These sheets tell a buyer when, where and by whom the picture was taken.

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Poster boy



Ben Hribal, a second-year electronics engineering technician student flips through posters during the Athena poster and calendar sale in the Sanctuary Sept. 15. (Photo by Rebecca Eby)

Special needs office backed up, advisor says

By Greg Bisch

New special needs students who neglected to inform the special needs department that they were coming to Conestoga have made things unusually busy this September, said special needs advisor Marian Mainland.

In the first two weeks of the fall semester, special needs has received 22 new intakes in total, said Mainland, and there are still more coming.

"We are still quite amazed at how many new intakes we are doing. These are people who knew they had special needs and who could have identified in June or July. They get a letter when they get accepted that if they have special needs, it is very important to get in (to special needs) to book an appointment as soon as possible."

When a student fails to make an early appointment, it could delay the special support he or she needs, said Mainland.

She said each of these new students have to have a one hour meeting with either Mainland or special needs advisor Rick Casey in order to get the accommodation they need.

Sometimes, the a new student has to come back for a second meeting.

"This time should not be for new students. It should be time for meeting again with students who we did intakes for in June, July

and August," said Mainland.

New intakes have to complete, with an advisor, a whole intake file, which consists of six different forms to be filled out, said Mainland.

As well, new special needs students are required to bring documentation of their disability to the advisor, which can sometimes be 10 pages long.

The advisor then has to read through the documentation and make out a one-page summary report for the students to show their teachers.

"I don't want them to feel guilty," said Mainland. She said she wanted to be clear that new intakes are still very welcome to special needs and the advisors are happy to help them.

Every year special needs always gets new intakes after September, said Mainland.

However, she said she can't remember ever getting this many in the past.

"It is possible that many (of the new intakes) got accepted into college late because a lot come to us as soon as they get here."

As well, she said, some of the students truly believe that they do not need help and they can do it on their own, or they are afraid of being prejudged like many were in high school.

However, the prejudice associated with students who have special needs at the college level is better than in the past, said Mainland.

Youths give 'thumbs up'

Annual protest march in K-W sparks enthusiasm and spirit

By Rita Fatila

Perhaps the most impressive moment of the local Sept. 18 Take Back the Night march happened at the King Value Centre in Kitchener.

Two 12-year-old boys watching the approaching march from the Centre's covered walkway gave the women two thumbs up. In response, the women started cheering and whistling. As the march made its way underneath the walkway, the sound became louder, and the louder the sound became, the more the women cheered.

"That happened last year too," said Heather Yantz, one of the marshals for the march. "It gets people excited to hear just how loud they are."

The Take Back the Night march, started in 1991, is an annual protest towards violence against women. The mission statement for the

event, read at the beginning of the march, stated that Take Back the Night is the result of feminists who believe women are devalued in a patriarchal society.

Men are not allowed to march, but their support is welcomed.

This year, the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge march started at Waterloo Park. The mistress of ceremonies, aided by a sign-language interpreter, invited women to come up to the microphone and give their reasons for taking part in the march. Several did, talking about women they knew who had been harassed and violated, including themselves.

Chant sheets, candles and signs were offered as the march began. Once the women reached the first set of traffic lights, the honking car horns began.

"When people honk they make me feel this is going somewhere," said Yantz. "I'm not walking for no

reason."

"My favorite part was when people would honk their horns," marcher Roberta Harvey said afterwards. "You just hope they're honking for the right reasons."

Most of the reactions to the march were positive.

Many of the honkers were men — women tended to wave. One man gave the finger as he drove by, probably not realizing he had just given many women another reason to march. Every gesture towards the women was greeted with cheers.

"When people see reactions it really gets them going," said Yantz.

When not cheering, the women chanted. Since no one person led the chants, the front and rear sections of the march usually had different chants going.

The most popular seemed to be "Women unite, take back the night", and this year's slogan: "Unescorted, uncontested, unharassed, unmolested." Impromptu chants of "No more patriarchy, no more s—t" weren't as popular but were still enjoyed by some.

If success is measured in loudness, the march hit its stride as it came up to Kitchener City Hall. On Ontario Street, some women pounded on a vacant buildings' windows, while on King Street women marched beside the downtown traffic, all yelling at the loudest volume of the evening.

Once at City Hall, the women were congratulated on a successful march by the event organizers and headed inside for refreshments and music.

"We're trying to make the streets safe for everyone," said Harvey. "Not just women and kids."

'Hussey'

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John Sawicki, the college's director of public affairs, said he could not say when the college would be ready to discuss the matter because college lawyers are involved. "All statements would be coming from the president's office."

Tibbits said there was definitely cause for termination but could not say what that cause was.

"There is no way at a public institution we can just terminate someone on a whim. We can't do

that. The other side of it becomes very sensitive if we start saying the reasons. We could prejudice any other action we might want to take."

He said the college is not necessarily taking further action, but as of Tuesday was discussing what further action it might consider.

"We had to have cause, or we would not be able to do this. This is not just some two-person operation without a public board. I can't just decide, well that's it, I am getting rid of someone. You have to have reasons to do this, obviously."

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TRANSITIONS

The low-down on roommates

By Amy Sonnenberg

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You're in a new town where you probably know few, if any, people.

Of course the first person you're going to try to befriend is your roommate.

So, after a few weeks of getting to know each other and being on your best behavior, you've established a rapport. Now things are finally relaxed. Now peoples' true qualities come out.

Sure, you're a respectable, responsible person, but your roommate suddenly gets a little too relaxed.

He or she starts making too

much noise in the morning - the one morning you get to sleep in.

He or she makes lunch with your last two pieces of bread, puts on the shirt you planned to wear that day and slams the door on his or her way out.

And, yes, you have to put up with this person until the end of April.

This scenario doesn't strictly apply to two people who have just met. It could happen between you and your best friend.

However, some relationships survive the long haul, as long as you're understanding and have a really long fuse.

There is one simple solution to avoid all the problems brought on by phone-time conflicts, bathroom-time conflicts and TV-time conflicts.

Respect; respect each others' space, privacy and property.

If you respect each other, this leads to compromise — you don't mind missing the X-Files so your room-

mate can watch the Sunday night movie, because you respect each other, and you compromise.

And compromise allows both of you to be happy — most of the time.

Who would of thought that cohabiting peacefully with someone could be so easy?

Sure, you're a respectable, responsible person, but your roommate suddenly gets a little too relaxed.

Correction

In the Sept. 22 edition of Spoke Jeremy Harrower's name was misspelled in a photo cutline.

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Welcome class reps



Johanna Stevens (right), DSA vice-president of operations, talks to class representatives about upcoming DSA events during their first meeting Sept. 16 in the Sanctuary. Twenty-five people signed up for the positions.
(Photo by Erica Aylliffe)

Road Rage

You are stuck behind a slow car. Your knuckles grow white, your face turns red. You are so angry you could hit someone. Sound familiar?

By Rachel Pearce

Road rage is defined by the Oxford English dictionary, as: "Violent anger caused by the stress and frustration of driving a motor vehicle; especially an act of violence committed by one motorist against another provoked by the supposedly objectionable driving of the victim."

Vancouver Sun reporter Sean O'Neill wrote in 1996 that the dictionary researchers who select and define new words to be included in its newest editions added the term 'road rage' because of its widespread use since 1994.

Acting on road rage can mean displaying anger or hostile feelings by doing any of the following: flipping someone the bird, swearing, pounding on the horn, speeding up so that another driver cannot pass, tailgating or cutting another driver off. Only, about one per cent, does it involve physical assault.

Now that you have a working definition of road rage, have you had some experience with it? Most of us have, some have had more than their share.

Just a short drive to school can be the most frustrating part of the day.

Amy Haertel, who takes management studies at Conestoga College, said she only lives a five-minute drive away from the school, but sometimes it takes her 10 minutes to get there.

The worst part of the trip, she said, is the daily lineup of cars on Homer-Watson Boulevard waiting to make the left-turn onto Doon Valley Road.

Other things that annoy her, she said, are slow drivers and people



"Bad drivers are the cause of road rage."

Wojtek Komorski,
mechanical engineering

who cut her off. But Haertel admitted that she can be quite provoking as well.

"I cut people off," she said. "I don't care what they say."

Dan Cockle, a mechanical engineering technology student, said he drives to school every day from Dundas, near Hamilton.

The drivers on the road who really make him fume are those who drive slower than the speed limit. Cockle recalled one time, on Highway 8, when a driver in front of him was only travelling at 60 kilometres per hour in an 80-kilometre-per-hour zone.

"I couldn't pass him, so I started wailing on the horn and tailgating him," he said.

Robert Webster, also a mechanical engineering technology student, said he gets mad at aggressive drivers.

"They're always trying to get

ahead of you," he said. Webster added that he never shows his anger towards other drivers, and that impatience is the cause of road rage.

It could be avoided, he said, if people would only allow themselves enough time to get where they want to go.

Stream technology student, Wojtek Komorski, said he drives to his home in Markham on weekends and is bothered most by drivers who change lanes without looking or signalling.

He said he lets them know how he feels by honking at them. Komorski said bad drivers are the cause of road rage.

Dr. John Voss, a psychologist at Grand River Hospital, said he rides a motorcycle and as a result, has seen many examples of dangerous aggressive driving.

He said he was recently travelling on Highway 8 near Fairview Park Mall when two men in a beat-up pickup truck drove up and began to tailgate him and to honk the horn when he did not immediately get out of the way.

"They were so close that, if the guy ahead of me had hit the brakes, they would have squished me," he said.

Voss said he simply got himself out of the situation, exiting the highway before he had wanted to.

He said road rage is caused by a combination of aggression and pent-up anger and the general problem of crowded highways.

Voss said the people who are most affected are those who feel that "the world is full of idiots" and who take it upon themselves to police the world. "Putting this type of person in a car," said, Voss, "is a very lethal combination."

SPORTS PROFILE

National gold medalist

In-line speed skater started late in life

By Erica Ayliffe

Canada's fastest female in-line speed skater for her age category (27-34) didn't start skating competitively until three years ago.

Why did 36-year-old Beth Clarke start so late in life?

Life circumstances and her husband leaving her, Clarke said.

"When he left I would go to my regular roller-skating every Thursday," said Clarke, a second-year accounting student at Conestoga.

"I would just get on the floor and nothing existed. I would get into the music and go fast, very fast. It felt like I was running away."

Clarke has been roller-skating for recreational purposes since she was 12 years old. She never thought of

competing until one night when a parent of a speed skater approached her and told her to join the in-line speed skating club at the Cambridge Forum.

"I had never thought of it," said Clarke. "And I thought, 'Yeah, that would be cool.'"

Before she joined the club, Clarke had never tried skating on in-lines, only four-wheel skates.

"I couldn't even stand on them," said Clarke. "I could hardly move. I didn't know how to stop. It took me a year to get control of the skates. From there it was just sheer determination."

But within three weeks of joining the 8 Wheels Rollersports Club, Clarke qualified for the 1995 provincial in-line skating championships held in Cambridge.

At the event, she won gold medals in the Classic Ladies age category (27-34) for the indoor 500 m, 1,000 m and 1,500 m.

Clarke has won gold in those categories in the provincials and the nationals for the past three years and has helped to win 14 gold medals and three silver medals for relays.

The single mother of two said she is trying to make up for the time she's lost.

"I should have been in something competitive as a young person. I've always had the ability, but I've never, ever had the chance to prove to myself

that I had the capability."

Clarke's dad left her and her brother and two sisters, Bobby, Bonnie and Becky, when she was only 10 years old.

"At that point I had to start taking care of a house, laundry and a garden because my mom worked full-time. I don't know how, but I ended up being the mediator, housekeeper and mother. I just learned how to survive."

Because of these responsibilities, Clarke didn't have a lot of time to dedicate to sports, although she did participate in baseball, skating, cycling and gymnastics as a child.

"When I was in high school, I was asked to join the sports teams, but I was working. At that time, it was disappointing, but money was more important. Now I look back and think, 'Man, I wish I could have.'"

Clarke dropped out of school by Grade 10, then ended up going back to Preston high school when she was 25 years old. During that time, she was also working full-time nights at the Petro Canada on Fountain Street in Cambridge.

While in school, she received awards for top marks in chemistry, math and business law and a overall achievement award.

Clarke was thinking of finishing her OACs and moving on to teachers' college but she met her husband and her goals changed.

"When I met my husband," said Clarke, "I was in school. I got pregnant a couple of months after we were married and decided I

was going to put all my efforts into my family. So I gave up my schooling to be a stay-home mom and to dedi-

cate my life to bringing up my children with a good value system."

In her portfolio of accomplishments, which Clarke hands out to potential sponsors, she says her motivation has always been her children.

"I want them to see that adversity and circumstances beyond our control should not make us dependent on others, and that dreams can be realized if we are willing to make the effort."

Clarke says the philosophy she lives by is, "Good comes out of bad."

"When my husband left me I was devastated. All my goals were right there—my life, my family. But now I'm in school, doing the things I want to do. I'm in a competitive sport, finally. I'm in the best shape I've ever been in my whole life."

"My ex-husband said one of my problems was that I was driven and he couldn't handle that. Yeah, I am driven. If I'm going to do something, I'll do the best I can."

Currently, Clarke's goal is to go to the World Roller Sport Championship in Argentina. She qualified for the event at the nationals in Calgary this year.

But she needs \$4,000 from corporate sponsorship and donations before that dream can come alive.

So far, Clarke has no money and the championship starts on Nov. 9.

She said there's always next year, if she qualifies again, but admits she's getting older.

"I'm getting technically better on my skates, so I may have a few years left."

As well, next year will be her third year in accounting and she doesn't know if she can afford to miss school.

"I wish I could turn back the clock 15 years," said Clarke.

If you want to sponsor or make a donation to Beth Clarke, please contact Erica Ayliffe in the Spoke office at 748-5366.



Beth Clarke may go the World Roller Sport Championship.

(Photo by Erica Ayliffe)



Beth Clarke, 36, a second-year accounting student, has won gold and silver medals in provincial and national competitions.

(Photo contributed by Beth Clarke)

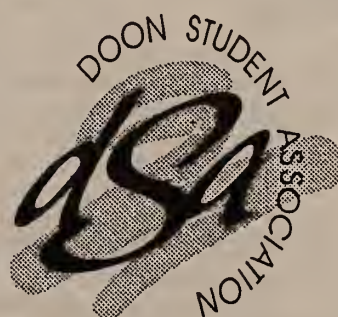
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SPORTS

Team loses first two games

Poor defence is team's achilles heel

By L.Scott Nicholson

The bulges in the ole Condors' onion bag are growing more numerous all the time. After a disappointing home opener and a road loss to St. Clair College, the men's Condor soccer team have surrendered a whopping 14 goals in only two games.

On Sept. 17, the Condors hosted the 1996 provincial champions and national finalists, the Fanshawe College Falcons.

The game started off well for the Condors as team sparkplug, Dwayne Bell, hammered a penalty shot behind the

Falcon's goalkeeper.

The experienced and skilled Falcons forwards began to pick apart an already suspect Condors' defence, and by the end of the first half, the Falcons were up by a score of 5-2.

The Condors' second marker was scored in the first half by Sasha Ilic, who was one of the Condors' few bright spots on what proved to be a dismal day.

Veteran goalkeeper George Papadakos

was pulled from the net after the first half and was replaced by Kevin Borges.

Borges was also unable to stop the Falcons onslaught as they

"We can use the loss as a valuable learning experience for our young core of defencemen."

George Papadakos, Condors' goalkeeper



Goalkeeper George Papadakos watches the ball sail past as the Falcons increase the score during first half action. (Photo by L.Scott Nicholson)

scored another three goals in the second half to make the final score 8-2.

Papadakos admitted he had little defensive help.

"We can use the loss as a valuable learning experience for our young core of defencemen,"

he said.

The Condors' assistant coach and former captain Patrick Barnes said the team wasn't dedicating itself to fundamental

soccer. He said the team's conditioning is also suspect.

"The guys are not concentrating on playing soccer and are more concerned with breathing and running," he said.

Lack of defence was also at the root of the Condors' second loss of the season in Windsor against St. Clair College on Sept. 20.

After 70 minutes, the game was knotted at one apiece until, coach Geoff Johnstone said, "The roof fell in."

Nick White, who is usually a defender was put in a forward

position due to a lack of players, and managed to score a brilliant goal from 20 metres out from the St. Clair net.

"The guys are not concentrating on playing soccer."

Patrick Barnes, Condors' assistant coach

Papadakos was in the nets for the entire game, including a five minute span in which St. Clair scored four goals. Johnstone said Papadakos played well but had little help from his defenders during the last 20 minutes of the game.

With a week before their next game, Johnstone said he hopes to reposition players with the intention of solidifying the defence.

The Condors' next game is a friendly match against Felician College from New Jersey on Sept. 27.



Assistant men's coach Duane Shadd tends to the injured knee of Derek Castro. Castro will be out of action for an indefinite period of time. (Photo by L.Scott Nicholson)

Women Condors earn their first point, on the road

By L.Scott Nicholson

A gritty performance that drove their St. Clair College opponents into the ground resulted in the Condor women's soccer team stealing a valuable point on the road during their season opener, said coach Geoff Johnstone.

Coach Johnstone said he was pleased to come away from the Sept. 20 road trip to Windsor with a nil-nil tie.

"The girls worked very hard in what was a very entertaining game to watch," he said.

Despite the lack of scoring, Johnstone said his team controlled the flow of the game for most of its duration.

He said playing St. Clair to a draw had a great deal to do with the performance of goalkeeper Nancy Tucker, defender Alycia Punnett and forward Ivona Sop.

Johnstone said Tucker didn't have a lot of difficult saves to make but she was very consistent in her approach to the position.

Punnett was given the job of shadowing St. Clair's most dangerous player, Tammy Page, Johnstone said.

"Not only did Alycia successfully cover their best player but she also set up some goal chances," he said.

Johnstone said he now knows he can go to Punnett in future games when he needs an opposing team's star player covered.

Sop, one of the many rookies on the team, also impressed Johnstone, he said.

"Ivona's a very inventive player and she gave St. Clair's defence a lot of trouble."

The team's next five games are all to be played on their home pitch at the recreation centre.

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Varsity hockey gets a facelift

By Corina Hill

The coach is not the only new aspect of the varsity hockey squad at Conestoga.

Every player on the Condor squad is vying for their place on the team, regardless of past experience, said head coach Kevin Hergott.

"They have to show me what they can do, even if they played here last year," said Hergott.

Hergott replaced long-time varsity coach Tony Martindale at the beginning of the season and said the players have had a hard time adjusting to his coaching style.

Conestoga athletic director Ian James said he noticed a difference between the coaching styles of Hergott and Martindale.

"They had nothing like this last year. They just came and scrimmaged all day. Now they're getting conditioning."

And conditioning is what they are getting. Students trying out for the team have faced gruelling practices, where they

were pushed to the limit.

Practices start off with hard fast skating and move on to drills to incorporate speed as well as stick handling.

"I like them bent over like this. This is varsity," said James at a practice Sept. 22.

He said when competing at a college varsity level, the players still need developmental skills.

"They had nothing like this last year. They just came and scrimmaged all day. Now they're getting conditioning."

Ian James,
manager of athletics and recreation

"When you're playing hockey, you have to be heads up, all the time."

Despite the hard practices and stiff competition for places on the team, Hergott said he has been impressed by the effort put in by students.

Hergott said he is looking for dedicated, hard working players that have a positive attitude.

"At this level, if they're not out here practicing, they're not on the team," said Hergott, adding that he feels school is also important.

Goaltending will be one of the key focal points for the varsity squad this year, said Hergott.

Tryouts began with 14 goalies



Condors' hockey coach Kevin Hergott discusses team strategy.

(Photo by Rita Fatila)

but have since dropped to seven.

"We're not lacking goalies. The goaltending is going to be strong." James agreed that goaltending is an important aspect of this

year's team.

"We've got the offensive players, but to beat teams like Cambrian, we need good goaltending."

Last year's goalie Darryl Whyte

is projected to be the starting goalie for the varsity squad.

Of the 57 players who tried out for the team, two teams remain, leaving the Condor coach with some tough decisions.

"We'll see what happens when it comes to the exhibition," said Hergott who will make the final team roster after the game Sept. 27.

One member from the varsity squad will receive a scholarship, but not because they were recruited, said James. "They have to earn it. All these guys are competing for a scholarship, one scholarship."

The scholarship is not what is on the mind of Hergott, however. He said his goal for the season is to win the Canadian championships.

Since the team has already been at the top of provincial play, there is no where else to aim except for the highest standing for college teams in the Canada.

He said before the national championships, he would like to beat Cambrian.

Last year, the Sudbury team defeated Conestoga in the provincial finals at the recreation centre. Cambrian went on to win the national championships.

"We want to beat them on their own ice," said Hergott.

Football dreams



Lou Caprara tosses a football around outside the rec centre while waiting for soccer practice to start Sept. 22.

(Photo by Matt Harris)

Female hockey players wanted

By Corina Hill

Calling all female hockey players.

Whether you are a superstar or just an average player, the Conestoga recreation department is looking for you.

Starting within the next couple of weeks, the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre will be holding shinny hockey for females looking for a little ice time, said athletic

director Ian James.

Starting as early as Sept. 30, Conestoga may be offering the opportunity to students, as well as local residents.

The centre hopes to run games on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. that will cost \$3.

"It will give them a chance to skate up and down the ice and shoot on net," said James who added that there may be scrimmages.

Varsity softball

Condors cream Canadore

By Corina Hill

The Conestoga Condors varsity softball team obliterated the Canadore Panthers Sept. 19 and Sept. 20 in North Bay.

The mercy rule for having over 10 runs by the fifth inning was instituted in both games, with the Condors having scored over 10 runs.

The score for the Sept. 19 game was 19-5 for the Condors. The Sept. 20 score was 11-1.

Conestoga showed great team effort, scoring 19 runs on 16 hits to defeat Canadore Sept. 19.

Out of four at bats, Cassy Chilton had three hits and scored three runs.

Kerri Quipp, Susie McCutcheon, Amy Smith and Jill Kuntz had two hits a piece.

Extra base hits were made by Heather Babcock, who hit a double, and McCutcheon, who hit a triple.

Condors pitcher Jill Kuntz shone in the game, striking out 11 batters with only three hits, for her second win of the season.

Canadore pitcher Lee Ann Virgin had one strikeout in the game.

The Condors acted as the home team in the game Sept. 20 against Canadore.

Kuntz led the Condors again in pitching and hitting, allowing Conestoga to apply the 10-run mercy rule.

She struck out seven players, walked one and allowed three players to hit.

"Jill had an awesome weekend," said Ian James, manager of athletics and recreation for Conestoga College.

He said Kuntz's pitching and

hitting strength led the team to victory when playing Canadore.

In the first inning, Kuntz singled down the line to drive in

scored Canadore's only run in the game.

Ten of Conestoga's players had hits, with Babcock and

Conestoga 19, Canadore 5
Conestoga 11, Canadore 1

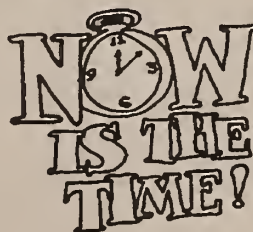
three runs.

Panther's starting pitcher Karen Bailey walked the first three batters and allowed four hits in the first inning, allowing Conestoga to score seven runs.

Bailey was relieved by Virgin in the first inning. Bailey later

Karri Nicholson having double hits.

The team's record was three wins and one loss before the Condors faced the Durham Lady Lords Sept. 24. Durham is the only team to have defeated the Condors this season.



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SPORTS



John Brown, a member of the Cambridge True Blues, shows some of his Ranger memorabilia.

(Photo by Ian S. Palmer)

Cambridge soccer club has a cure for the blues

By Ian S. Palmer

Throughout the school year, many students deal with bouts of homesickness. Loved ones and friends are left behind. It's sometimes hard to meet people who share the same interests and they feel a little down and lonely.

Well for soccer fans in general, and for those of the Glasgow Rangers Football Club specifically, the local chapter of the Rangers supporters club, known as the Cambridge True Blues could be the cure you need.

The club, which has been operating in Cambridge for the last 25 years, is designed for Rangers fans to get together throughout the soccer season and watch the team play via satellite television at Ernie's Roadhouse in Cambridge, the club's headquarters.

John Brown, 68, who moved

from Glasgow to Canada about 30 years ago, said he joined the True Blues because he thought it was an ideal opportunity to meet people who shared his passion for the game. "Football (soccer) is a way of life in Scotland and the club

"You don't have to be a member to enjoy yourself."

John Brown, member of the Cambridge True Blues

gives us a chance to keep in touch with our heritage. It keeps the tradition of a Saturday afternoon match alive."

Brown said members have been gathering at Ernie's for the past

five years to view games that take place 5,000 kilometres and three time zones away, many of them starting at 10 a.m. EST.

He said the club purchases a package deal from satellite dealers and charges \$10 to \$20 a person to watch the games, with some shown for free. He said Ernie's is an ideal place to see the games because it has a seven-foot screen and three televisions situated around the bar.

Brown said all the money raised goes back into the club to allow them to purchase the rights to the games and to operate other activities throughout the year.

"We hold an annual Christmas dance and party, golf and bowling tournaments and each member is automatically entered into a draw for a trip to Scotland. The club is a non-profit organization so the money is used to keep it going and allows each person to get the most out of their membership."

He said the club membership presently stands at 54 and costs nothing to join, but there is an annual fee of \$35.

People who are interested apply for a membership and need to be seconded, which is just a formality, he said.

The club has a president, vice-president, treasurer and a board of six directors who are voted on annually. The True Blues are also a member of the North American Rangers Soccer Association, with affiliations in Hamilton and Toronto as well as throughout the United States.

Brown said there is an annual gathering of all the clubs in North America. "A committee votes on where to hold the meeting. It could be a cruise or held in Las Vegas, Scotland or even Hamilton."

Brown said anybody interested in joining the True Blues can contact him at 519-740-0100. "Any soccer fan is welcome to come out and watch the games. You don't have to be a member to enjoy yourself."

NHL season is wide open

By Dan Meagher

The outcome of this year's NHL season is a tough one to figure.

As always, there are your obvious no-chancers, but there appears to be a slew of teams with a legitimate shot.

An informal poll of hockey enthusiasts taken around Conestoga College places the Colorado Avalanche at the top of the Stanley Cup favorites list and with good reason.

After re-signing Joe Sakic, the Avs look ready to take another run at the title with a talented and experienced crew.

The runner-up in the poll is the Philadelphia Flyers, who may have a chance to succeed if general manager Bobby Clarke finally addresses the goaltending question.

"I like Colorado all around," says local hockey coach Bill Davey. "But if Philadelphia were to get some decent goaltending, they could be hard to stop now that they've added Chris Gratton."

Gratton, who arrived from Tampa Bay, should fit nicely alongside Eric Lindros, but the nicest fit for the Flyers has to be between the pipes.

The defending champion Detroit Red Wings will contend but will feel the loss of Norris Trophy nominee Vladimir Konstantinov, whose off-season car accident has left him unlikely to ever play hockey again.

That, coupled with the question of whether Chris Osgood can handle the load in goal, make

Colorado the favorite in the west.

The east is much less clear-cut in terms of who stands out at the top.

Philadelphia and New Jersey will both be amongst the leaders, but the rest of the conference is very close.

The New York Rangers could contend if they overcome the loss of Mark Messier, while the Pittsburgh Penguins and Buffalo Sabres should fall in the ranks after losing Mario Lemieux and Ted Nolan, respectively.

A dark-horse pick might be the Montreal Canadiens if they receive some consistent goaltending. New coaches Alain Vigneault and Dave King should right the defensive ship and the offensive tools are there to blow teams out.

Kitchener Ranger centreman Tim Verbeek thinks the league is too close to call. "It's too early to say. I'm going to have to see some of the teams play before I pick a favorite."

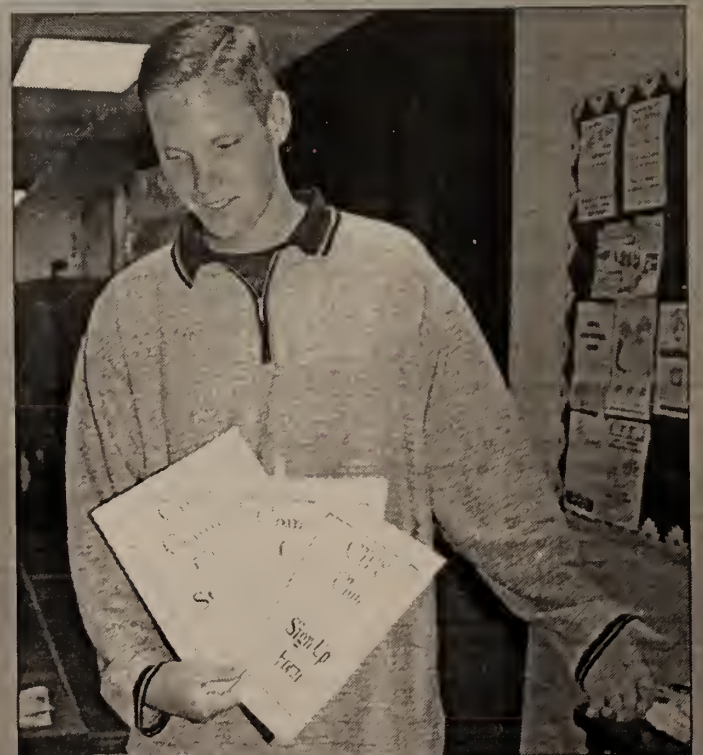
Locally, the Toronto Maple Leafs will struggle with the no-name crew they have assembled. Unless Mats Sundin plays all five positions and perhaps does a bit of coaching, it will be a long year for the Carlton Street gang.

Predictions are also hard to come up with given the number of high profile hold-outs.

By the last week of September, names such as Bondra, Fedorov, Kariya and Modano were still not in NHL camps.

Nevertheless, it should be an interesting and entertaining season.

The club scene



Dave White, a DSA promotions assistant, holds club sign-up forms during campus club week Sept. 15-19.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Book review:

Royals subjected to Kelley's brand of truth

By Sarah Smith

After four years of intense research, American author Kitty Kelley has produced yet another essential look at the personal lives of the rich and famous.

Her latest literary effort (if such words are taken lightly) concerns the British royal family. Despite *The Royals* release date coinciding with the fatality of Diana, Princess of Wales, Kelley needs little publicity. Her past biographies of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra and Nancy Reagan have each enjoyed considerable success, along with controversy.

The Royals is no different in its glaring examination of the intricate details of the House of Windsor. Readers unfamiliar with the more colorful episodes of the famous family will find everything according to Kelley's particular brand of truth.

Described as a comprehensive and balanced look at the House of Windsor since 1917, half of the book's pages are devoted to the first six decades, while the latter half focuses on the troubled marriages of Princes Charles and Andrew.

Of course, as is her writing style, Kelley often conveniently leaves out specifics on her sources, while filling her book with scenes complete with dialogue. Anonymous friends, family and officials fill the pages with scandalous accounts of illegitimate children, closeted homosexuality, womanizing and

alcoholism behind the walls of the royal households.

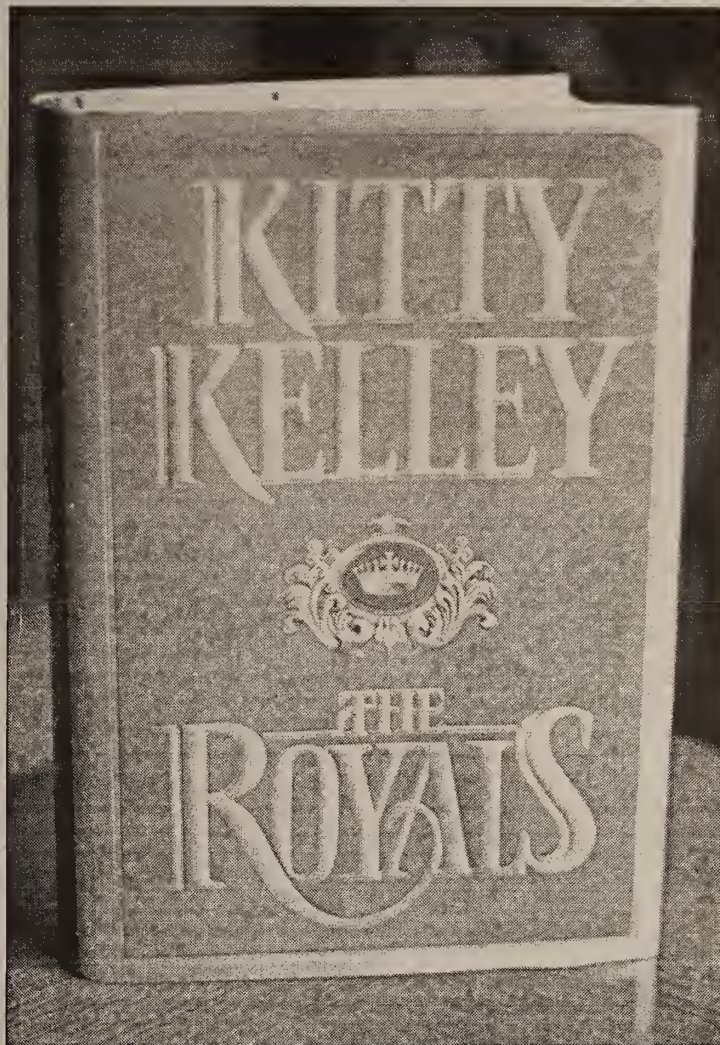
But Kelley's 500-page biography provides little news that has not already been reported in reputable and sensational newspapers. She writes in length of Prince Philip's infidelities, Queen's Elizabeth's cold stoicism, Sarah Ferguson's battle with her weight, Prince Charles' affair with Camilla Parker Bowles and Diana's bulimia and suicide attempts.

There are some moments of "enlightenment" from Kelley, such as the young Queen's insatiable appetite for sex, Princess Margaret's preference for pornography and the Queen Mum's love of sweets.

Kelley's approach is definitely American, as she often disparagingly refers to the British class system and snobbery while marvelling at the habits of the aristocracy seated on gold chairs eating "butter pats monogrammed with the royal coat of arms."

Kelley's character analyses are revealing not only of character but of Kelley's writing ability. The Queen Mother is shown as a deceptive, overweight woman, for "few people ever see the iron frame under the marshmallow." Prince Philip and President John F. Kennedy are matched in their womanizing tastes: "Extraordinarily handsome and witty, both were attracted to pretty actresses like fish to shiny metal objects."

The book is not without merit, as Kelley provides a glimpse of the



Kitty Kelley's latest release, *The Royals*. (Photo by Sarah Smith)

royal family during the world wars and is prophetic in her mention of the prying media. However, the claim that *The Royals* is Kelley's "most iconoclastic, historically significant" work seems far-fetched. Consider Kelley's description of the break-up between the Prince and Princess of Wales. "The separation had international repercussions. In Germany, wax museums moved the mannequins of Charles and

Diana suitably apart."

No doubt, Kelley will capture a wide readership for her latest release considering America's enormous fascination with the British royal family. But those seeking in-depth reporting and a credible account of the Windsor family will be disappointed. The made-for-TV movie that will inevitably grace our screens will probably provide greater insight, for free.

Big-name bands in area

By Barbara Ateljevic

You don't have to drive to Toronto to see a good concert. Many bands are coming to the Kitchener area in October. Some big name acts and some up-and-coming bands will be sure to keep you entertained.

Big Sugar will be at the Lyric in Kitchener Oct. 2. Tickets in advance are \$12.

Corey Hart will be rocking Centennial Hall in London on Oct. 2.

Age of Electric and Zuckerbaby will play a matinee show that is all ages Oct. 3, as well as a night show at Confederation Hall at the University of Waterloo. To attend the night show, you must have a college or university ID or be 19 years of age or older.

In Guelph, Alannah Myles will play at Club Denim on Oct. 9. Tickets can be bought at the club at 166 Wyndham St. N.

Oct. 10 brings the Gandharvas to the Nac in London. Tickets can be bought in London's Dr. Disc, Music World, InfoSource (UWO) and BizBooth (Fanshawe). Out-of-town fans, call (800) 265-1590 to order your tickets.

Foo-Fest comes to town Oct. 14 at the Lyric, featuring the Foo Fighters, Talk Show and Treble Charger. Tickets can be bought at TicketMaster, HMV in Kitchener, Waterloo and Guelph and Dr. Disc in Kitchener. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Calls for Elton John single swamp local record store

By Erica Ayliffe

The phone at the HMV in Fairview Park Mall hasn't stopped ringing since the interview with Domnech Smith, a full-time employee, began.

"You've heard the phone ring about six times since I've been sitting here and it's all about Elton John," said Smith.

Since it was announced that John's tribute to Princess Diana, *Candle in the Wind*, was being released, Smith said, the store receives at least 100 phone calls a day about it.

"Basically the minute he was done singing at the funeral," said Smith, "the Eaton Centre HMV got a phone call."

By Sept. 22 the Fairview Park HMV store had sold close to 1,500 CDs and expected to sell 3,000 by the end of the week.

"It's unprecedented," said Smith. "I've been working here for five years and I've never experienced anything like this single."

He said Polygram, who is the company making the single in

Canada, estimated sales to be around 500,000, but CD stores across the country placed orders exceeding one million.

The irony of the situation, said Smith, is that it's the biggest CD to hit music stores, but nobody makes any money because all profits go to the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund.

Polygram actually loses money, he said, because they are covering the cost of making the single.

"It's great that it's all going to charity, but the biggest sales event in probably the history of this mall for this store and we're not making a cent."

Smith said the single can be compared to the mad dash for the Elmo doll last Christmas.

"Our society is so consumer-based," said Smith. "They jump on the bandwagon. I'm sure there's a lot of people out there with good intentions, but I've taken a number of calls where the person doesn't even know the name of the song, they just want it. They don't even know who the artist is and they don't even mention Diana."

"I know all the money is going to charity, but a lot of people aren't sharing in that goodwill. It's more like, I need it because everybody is talking about it."

"I had someone call and ask for John Elton's *Candle in the Rain* song," said Smith. "When you start taking calls like that, you know it's not about what it is, it's about getting it."

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ENTERTAINMENT

DSA pulls plug on *Days* craze

By Casey Johnson

Between 20 and 30 students will endure the Doon Student Association's (DSA) decision to pull the plug on the popular *Days of Our Lives* soap opera, which students requested they show everyday at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"It's a lounge to sit and talk, not for people to be quiet so the students watching the soap opera can hear it," said Gerry Cleaves, president of student affairs. "It's gotten crazy," said Cleaves. "If *Days* isn't on then run for your life."

Originally, the big-screen television was in the television room to the left of the stage

in the lounge. However, it was moved to the stage for two reasons. First, the DSA needed room for their annual book sale and second, the DSA thought it would provide entertainment during orientation week for the new and returning students, waiting in lines for various reasons, in the lounge.

"The television was brought out for the week of registration to give the students more atmosphere while they waited in lines," said Cleaves.

Students would line up for their student identification, drug plan cards, etc.

"It's really gotten out of hand. Even the people in the DSA office couldn't hear themselves overtop

of the volume."

"They (the students) kept turning up the volume to drown out the radio, it was surround-sound *Days*," he said.

Cleaves said he didn't want to disappoint anyone, but the logic is that the television needed to go back into the television room where it belongs. The lounge is used for a wide variety of activities and everyone needs to feel comfortable there, he said.

Days of Our Lives can still be seen on the big-screen television, but only in its designated room, he said.

"There was also some damage done to the television," said Cleaves. "This was another reason to move it back."

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Gerry Cleaves, DSA president of student affairs

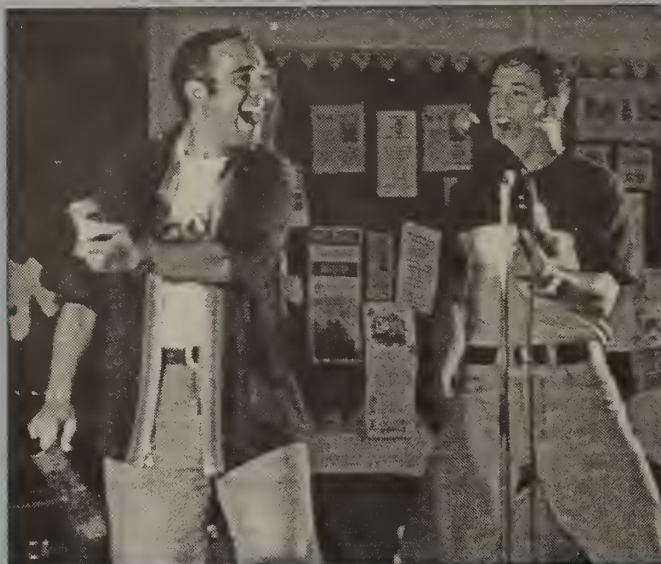
Days was dominating the lounge, he said, and he felt that wasn't fair. The DSA doesn't usually put any limitations on activities, except during the nooners when there is entertainment. Then they display signs asking people to refrain from games out of common courtesy, he said. Other than that people can do what they want, within reason.

Cleaves said men were watching the soap opera too. "We had people complain about the women watching *Days*," he said.

But Cleaves said he set them straight and told them it wasn't all women.

Cleaves said he wants everyone to be happy and thinks this is the solution.

Comic relief



Comedian Rick Bronson (left) and audience member Mike Train entertain students in the Sanctuary Sept. 2.

(Photo by Ian S. Palmer)

Movie review:

The Game's suspense is worth every penny

By Matt Harris

Harrison Ford may have the most bang for a buck in his latest movie and Kevin Kline may get more laughs being outed as a homosexual in his, but the only new movie this fall that is worth the steep \$7 admission is *The Game*.

Directed by David Fincher (director of *Seven*), *The Game* stars Michael Douglas, Sean Penn and Deborah Kara Unger. Set in present-day San Francisco, Douglas plays investment banker Nicholas Van Orton, a man in his late 40s who is relatively content

with his life. Or, at least he is until estranged brother Conrad (Penn) shows up to present him with a birthday present.

He tells Nicholas that he should have more fun in life and, to help him toward that end, gives him a gift certificate from a company called Consumer Recreational Services (CRS). CRS specializes in entertainment and, according to Conrad, playing the game is the most fun he's ever had.

So it begins. After filling out the paperwork, Van Orton waits for the game to begin but nothing happens. Thinking he has wasted his time, Van Orton returns home to find a clown doll in front of his house with a CRS key hidden in its mouth.

Normally, this would not be so significant, except for the fact that as a small boy, Van Orton watched his father commit suicide by jumping from the roof of the house, landing in virtually the same spot where the clown is. Van Orton comes to the realization that the game has begun, although he is unsure what the game is, as is the audience.

Deborah Kara Unger (*Crash*) plays Christine, Van Orton's unwitting companion and foil. The audience is left to guess which side she is really on.

Unger steals the spotlight away from both Douglas and Penn, playing a perfect mystery woman throughout.

A strong supporting performance from James Rebhorn (the sniveling defense secretary in *Independence Day*) keeps *The Game* moving briskly along.

Fincher manages to reproduce the suspense that was key in *Seven*. As the movie progresses, I was convinced that I knew what the final outcome would be. And, to my pleasant surprise, I was miles off what actually happened. Fincher maintains the suspense right to the end, and that makes it worth the price of admission.

Movie review:

In and Out a welcome change

By Alison Shadbolt

Hollywood has inundated moviegoers lately with films about that taboo topic, homosexuality. After all the socially conscious tearjerkers and closed-minded portrayals masquerading as comedies, Frank Oz's *In and Out* is a refreshing change.

Instead of basing gay characters on stereotypes, every character in the movie, from the celebrities to the small-town school principal, is a stereotype.

This technique makes for hilarious moments, while poking fun at the audience for its own tendency to categorize people.

The movie's screenwriter, Paul Rudnick (*Addams Family Values*), is rumored to have conceived the story idea — a gay drama teacher is outed by a former student at the Academy Awards — when Tom Hanks thanked his gay drama coach in his 1994 Oscar acceptance speech for *Philadelphia*.

In this fictional case, the teacher, Howard Brackett, lives in a small conservative town and is about to be married. Kevin Kline plays Brackett with a comic flair seen in many of his other movies, including *A Fish Called Wanda* and *French Kiss*.

His soon-to-be-disappointed fiancée, Emily Montgomery, and wedding-obsessed mother, Berniece, are portrayed perfectly by Joan Cusack (*Grassie Pointe Blank*) and Debbie Reynolds (*Mother*) respectively.

The media flock to the town, causing a clash between Brackett and his stammering principal, Mr. Halliwell (Bob Newhart of television's *Newhart*). Tom Selleck (*Magnum PI*) plays the particularly persistent reporter Peter Malloy.

In an effort to prove his heterosexuality to himself amid the gossip and media frenzy, Brackett tries a self-help tape entitled *Exploring Your Masculinity*, which instructs him on the finer points of being a man, such as real men never dance. Kline is at his best in this solo scene, a must-see even if you skip the rest of the movie.

What is unusual about this film is a kiss shared by two men. Most movies skirt the issue in fear of offending audiences, showing a minimum of physical affection between gay characters which often amounts to a few NFL-style bear hugs.

However, Oz and Rudnick have put great comedy first in *In and Out*.

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